Bracero health

No.

415 2nd Street,
Calexico, Calif.,
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Henry P. Anderson,
670 Doane Avenue,
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

According to those two braceros that were hurt. I don't recall their names nor the exact date when it happened. But it was around the last part of January or the beginning of February. These two braceros were drunk and making alot of racket at the Calexico Greyhound Depot. I think they were arguing and bothering a bus driver. So this driver got mad at them and he got on his bus, went around the depot building and purposly hit these two braceros. They were brought to the hospital by ambulance and hospitalized for a month or so. One of them had a couple of broken ribs. The other one was only hurt and bruised, nothing broken.

To be used

We have had only one serious bracero after that. His name was, Luis Covarrubias - Age 44 - Serial No. L
This man had just been contracted on a farm and was ordered to put some oil on a alfalfa machine and that he was to have the machine running. He said the oil was frozen because of the cold weather and as soon as the oil touched the machine his hand went with it and four fingers were cut off. He said they would probably send him back to Mexico.

The braceros we have had lately, had minor sickness. They don't last long. Here are a list of some braceros that last less than a month.

Sanchez - Francisco -- Age 25 - Serial No. L 2939945
Sickness - Ulcer.
Lizarraga - Juvenal -- " 23 - " " L 2574244
Sickness - Ulcer.
Lopez - Jose -- " 33 - " " L 2803147
Sickness - Ameba.
Diaz - Jose -- " 42 - " " L 2580812
Sickness - Fever.
Verduzco - Jesus -- " 36 - " " L 2935925
Sickness - Fever.
Maldonado - Ramon -- " 42 - " " L 13061396
Sickness - Diarrhea
Toscano, - Castarino " 44 - " " L 2865478
Sickness - Openreduction - tibia pinning

Of the braceros we have now, there is only one fairly bad. His name is - Romero, Juan - Age 29 - Serial No. L 13058193. His sickness is Blood Dyscrasia.

The other ones that we have are not very bad. There names are:

Gonzalez - Jesus -- Age 37 - Serial No. L 295998
Sickness - Possible Kidney Stone
(He might leave tomorrow)
Lozano - Calexito -- Age 37 - " " L 2930906
Sickness - Sore throat - Intestinal Flu &
Possible Diarrhea.
Arrellano - Esteban -Age 25 - " " L 2571942
Sickness - Ulcer
Felix - Daniel Age 29 - Serial No. L 3037758
Sickness - Abdominal Pain - Possible Ulcer.

Those braceros that weren't here long, I couldn't get much information. Only that they liked working here and that most of them were married and had their family in Mexico.

We have been very busy lately and I haven't been able to speak to the braceros we have know. But if I do get some more ifformation and some more braceros I will let you know.

Those serial no. are the numbers of the Pass Ports of the braceros. I hope the information I have given you is of any use. If you want to know anything else, please let me know. I want you to know that I am willing and ready to help you in anyway that I can.

Sincerely yours,

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